

# A. F. OF L. DISTRUSTS U. S. PLANS

Labor Chief Believes Meeting on Unemployment Move for Slashing Wages.

By MILDRED MORRIS.  
International Labor Service.  
Organized labor is distrustful of the President's unemployment conference. Comments by union leaders today showed a spirit of bitter antagonism. They expressed suspicion of the purpose of the conference and predicted it would fail to relieve the alarming unemployment situation.

Gary May Be Left Out.  
There is evidence the Administration is aware of this attitude of distrust and is anxious to remove it. It was intimated today in well-informed labor circles that assurance has been given Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that neither Judge E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, nor James Emery, of the National Manufacturers' Association, will be invited to the conference.

Labor officials would not deny or confirm reports that such assurance had been demanded, but it was said to be doubtful whether Gompers or any other representative of the American Federation of Labor would take part of Gary or Emery were included in the employers' group.

"War" Warning Given.  
After declaring that if the conference provided any method of relief it would be at pre-war wages and under pre-war conditions, E. C. Davison, secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Machinists, gave this ominous warning:

"Before the workers go back to pre-war conditions, they will start another war and get their rights. And that's not idle talk. Conditions in this country have reached a dangerous stage."

"Labor," the official organ of the railroad unions, flatly charges that the conference is to be used to "influence the Senate" to pay the railroad \$500,000,000 subsidy.

"The plea is being made this money will be used in construction work, whereas everybody knows it is intended chiefly to pay deferred dividends."

"At least one more industrial conference can fare no worse than the two called by President Wilson. The insistent urge of organized labor that something be done has put the Administration in a position where it must take action."

The barring of "contentious questions" at the conference, such as wages, working hours, and "open shop," makes any accomplishment by the conference impossible, according to labor's view.

Davison Charges Conspiracy.  
"It is the claim of labor that the present unemployment is due chiefly to artificial conditions created by a conspiracy of interests out to crush the unions, and there is every evidence to substantiate this," Davison said.

"No solution of the unemployment problem can be arrived at without fixing the responsibility for it. How can its causes be discussed without discussing the questions at issue between capital and labor. It's absurd and worthy of a schoolboy's brain. My frank opinion is that the calling of this conference is a camouflage. It will do nothing and was not intended to do anything except, perhaps, spread propaganda for return to pre-war conditions of employment."

Government Heads Grope For Means to Halt Unemployment  
The Federal Reserve Board's statement today that no factors warrant predictions of a widespread business



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## DUKE AND DUCHESS VIEW BIG RAM SHOW



The recently married Duke and Duchess of Marlborough smilingly viewing the sights at the great Oxford ram show recently in England.

revival this autumn, linked with the assertion that unemployment may remain serious for a considerable period, tended to make more complex the problem of unemployment which President Harding and his Cabinet have set out to solve.

The Administration today was moving rapidly to lay the groundwork for the coming conference of business and industrial leaders, who are to be summoned here by Secretary of Commerce Hoover, at the President's suggestion. The Government has already undertaken a thorough survey of all important cities to determine accurately the extent of unemployment. It was feared, however, that the Secretary of Labor's estimates to Congress of more than 5,000,000 people idle cannot be greatly reduced.

Serious Situation Arising.  
The labor situation that may disturb the entire country is rapidly developing, and assuming graver aspects, according to these latest reports. The dread picture of millions of starving men and women in the bitter months of the year, is presented now in the light of these latest official reviews.

There were some encouraging signs noted by the reserve board today in the economic situation, but they were largely seasonal in character, incident to earlier crop marketing and movements.

Close of the harvest will throw hundreds of thousands now so employed back into the cities, reports here state. Trade union funds usually set aside for such emergencies are fast being depleted. There is the prospect that unemployment may reach 6,000,000 before the national conference begins to function.

Revival Hope Wanes.  
Early revival of business had been the main hope of Government leaders to avert just such a situation as is now developing to the point of real danger.

The President is said to realize that the problem of the jobless may become the most serious single issue before the Government within the short space of ninety days, unless prompt measures are found to relieve the situation.

Officials today were admittedly puzzled over ways which can be devised to prevent a calamity which would be far more distressing than simply the business depression in evidence in the business fields.

The labor situation briefly presented by the Federal Reserve Board shows that in some of the manufacturing districts there have been slight decreases in unemployment, but these have been so slight as not to affect the general situation. The manufacturing activity thus noted is largely a result of seasonal demands. In most of the reserve districts there is no change in the general situation, while in some there is a pronounced jump in the numbers idle.

Fire losses in the District increased by nearly \$500,000 during the past year over the record of the previous year, according to the annual report of the Fire Department made today by Fire Chief George S. Watson.

This increase is laid to fires in Government buildings, which exceeded the loss for all others in the District. The fire loss outside of Government-owned buildings decreased by \$10,026.

The total estimated loss from fire was \$19,882, which was covered by insurance totaling \$14,953,885. The number of fires, outside of the Government buildings, is placed at 1,771. Government fire losses are estimated at \$500,130.

During the year 1,774 alarms were received, a decrease of nineteen from the previous year. Seventeen arrests were made for false alarms.

In his report Chief Watson points out the urgent need for incriminating salaries for members of the department. He also asks for more men to carry on inspection and fire prevention work in mercantile establishments.

The largest fire of the year occurred December 12, 1920, at Walter Reed Hospital, destroying two wards and causing a loss of \$30,130.

## ROADS WILL CUT RATES ON GRAIN AFTER FIVE DAYS

I. C. C., After Hearing Arguments, Grants Authority to Disregard Month Rule.

Responding to the request of various railroad companies that they be permitted to publish reduced rates on grain and grain products for export on less than the usual statutory notice of thirty days, the Interstate Commerce Commission today granted authority for a reduction of five and one-half cents per one hundred pounds over five days' notice from Missouri river and Mississippi river points as well as such territory between the two rivers and Illinois to Gulf ports. Mobile to Galveston, inclusive.

Other Rates Changed.  
Authority was also granted to publish on five days' notice reductions ranging from one cent to five and one-half cents per hundred pounds from the territory lying west of the Missouri river in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma to Gulf ports.

Numerous protests were received by the commission against the granting on short notice of permission to make these reductions, but after considering all of the facts and arguments presented in favor of and in opposition to the application, the commission thought it best to grant the authority requested.

The reduced rates are to apply during the remainder of the calendar year 1921, and effective January 1, 1922, the former rates will again made.

Withholds Approval.  
The commission pointed out that the granting of the short notice does not constitute approval of the relative adjustments on national basis for the Gulf ports on the one hand and Atlantic ports on the other as to which there is much controversy, or with respect to the relative rates from interior western points compared with Missouri river points.

## SENATORS WILL ACCEPT MELLON VIEWS ON TAXES

Finance Committee Begins Work Behind Closed Doors on Measure Today.

By J. BART CAMPBELL.  
International News Service.

Secretary Mellon's estimate that the Government will require approximately \$4,000,000,000 to meet its obligations and running expenses during the current fiscal year is likely to be accepted by the Senate Finance Committee, created by the House, Republican committee members indicated today.

Although the committee began consideration on the bill in closed executive session today, it was stated that no plan or policy for raising revenue and revising taxation would be formulated by the Republican majority members until after Secretary Mellon confers with the committee next week.

Accept Mellon Views.  
Most of the Republican members are inclined to accept the Secretary's tax proposals as a guide as to how far Congress and the Administration can really go toward relieving the country's tax burdens and at the same time provide for the Government's financial requirements.

Mellon's recommendations were rejected by the House when it cut the amount to be raised by the bill to \$2,644,000,000. The Senate is expected to add at least \$1,000,000,000 to this amount in making many sweeping changes in the bill. One Republican leader in the Senate said it would be safe to predict that Mellon's estimate of \$4,000,000,000 would stand when the bill is rewritten and enacted finally.

Senator Smoot of Utah estimated that \$3,855,000,000 must be raised by the Government from taxation.

Smoot Offers Plan.  
Smoot figures that this amount could easily be raised, "without a single person being able to say he was discriminated against," by the new tax bill he has written and will offer as a substitute for the House measure.

While Smoot's bill will receive careful consideration from his colleagues on the Senate Finance Committee, most of whom are opposed to the sales or turnover tax plan of which his bill is an elaboration, it is regarded as certain that a rewritten House bill will be the one the committee will report to the Senate after it reconvenes on September 21.

The committee will do little more this week than discuss the general provisions of the House bill, and their relation to the national tax and fiscal situation. It's members will not get down to the actual task of altering the bill until Mellon has conferred with them, and they have also conferred with the Treasury experts assigned to assist them in whipping the measure into the new shape it is expected to assume.

HALL OF FAME IS TREES PLANNED BY ROCKVILLE

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 1.—This historic old town is going to have a Hall of Fame of trees. Ten stately oaks have been registered with the American Forestry Association and will be marked by the Janet Montgomery Chapter, D. A. R., next Tuesday afternoon when the markers of the association will be placed upon them.

The markers bear the names of the ten county commissioners who organized the county government 145 years ago, September 6, 1776. Old settlers and relatives of the commissioners from Baltimore, Washington and many parts of Maryland will take part in the ceremony.

## Prizes for Boys Who Are Alive and Aggressive

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## NAVY OFFICIALS PLAN FURTHER WORK ON BASES

Maintain That Result of Disarmament Conference Will Not Mean Abandoning Forts.

By T. N. SANDIFER.  
International News Service.

The navy is not gambling on the results of the coming disarmament conference. This was made plain today when the navy estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1922-23 were prepared for submission to the budget bureau and it was learned that the program does not provide for the abandonment of any of the naval bases included in the present naval program.

Would Continue Work.  
Secretary Denby declined to disclose his plans for future development of naval bases and particularly proposed developments on the Pacific coast. It was stated officially, however, that work now under way on naval bases will be continued if the estimates proposed are finally accepted.

Development of naval bases on the Pacific will probably be left an open question until after the disarmament conference, with final decision to be fought out in Congress. Naval officials were not reluctant in stating, however, that disarmament or no, they favor further development on the Pacific. They point out that the proposed bases are operating bases and if the United States is to maintain a navy at all it must have efficient operating bases, and now that the bulk of the naval fighting strength is stationed in the Pacific greater base facilities are needed.

Officials Prepare Data.  
Naval officials are preparing data for the submission to the disarmament commission, and it is understood that in these reports the attitude is taken that naval bases are not subject for primary discussion of disarmament.

The naval officials take the position that there should be no discussion of naval base abandonments until final agreement has been reached upon the limitation of fighting ships and that then there can be only partial reduction of the base program.

## TIMES CONTEST FOR FREE BIKES ENDS WITH RUSH

Many More Get \$60 Machines Free—Over 10,000 Subscribers Secured.

With a final rush of subscriptions that practically swamped the contest manager's large working force, The Washington Times \$300,000 bicycle contest came to a close last night.

This contest, pronounced the most wonderfully generous ever conducted in Washington, resulted in hundreds of men, women and children receiving \$60 Ranger bicycles in return for obtaining thirty-five new yearly subscriptions for The Washington Times.

The contest manager said it would require several weeks to check up on the number of subscriptions turned in since last spring by the 3,800 adults and children who participated in the contest, but he was sure the circulation had been augmented by more than 10,000 because of their energetic efforts to win bicycles.

Among the last successful participants who received \$60 bicycles were: Roscoe S. Aull, twelve years old, of 515 Alabama avenue southeast; Dorothy Zimmerman, thirteen years old, who lives at the Soldier's Home, where her father, and Richard Jordan, sixteen years old, of 1825 Twelfth street northwest.

"The contest was a most decided success and I am happy to know that so many hundreds of contestants finished the task of getting thirty-five new yearly subscribers before the closing hour yesterday," said the contest manager. "I am arranging another contest to be announced about the middle of September, and it ought to take like wildfire and put a whole lot of money in the pockets of readers of The Washington Times."

## N. Y. DIVISION OF PENNSY IS TIED UP BY WRECK

PRINCETON JUNCTION, N. J., Sept. 1.—The New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad was tied up today when a broken flange wrecked a freight train east of here, blocking all four tracks. No one was injured. Through trains from the West were sent over the Delaware river bridge to South Amboy, N. J.

At 7:10 a. m. one track was opened at the scene of the wreck.

CLERGY NEEDS MORE PAY, CONVENTION IS TOLD

WINONA LAKE, Ind., Sept. 1.—The clergymen of the Christian church deserves better pay than he is getting today, and the community and the church cannot afford to permit him to continue unpaid, the Rev. H. R. Ford told the international convention of the Church of the Disciples of Christ today.

Mr. Ford said that 84 per cent of the clergymen in the United States are receiving from a third to a half less than unskilled steel workers, who receive "the entirely inadequate wage of \$1.46 a year."

## PLANE BURNED ON HITTING TREE FLIERS KILLED

Two Langley Field Cadets Incinerated in Wreck on Rappahannock.

HAMPTON, Va., Sept. 1.—Trapped in their machine when flames broke from the gasoline tank, following a collision with a tree in taking off, Cadet Aviator Adolph J. Ferencsak, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Samuel C. Chapkowitz, of Paterson, N. J., were burned to death on the Rappahannock river yesterday afternoon, according to advices received at Langley Field.

The young aviators, who had been sent to Washington to bring back a machine, were forced to land on account of engine trouble. The landing was made successfully, but in taking off, one of the wings brushed a tree and wreckage from the crash is believed to have punctured the gasoline tank, which immediately burst into flames. Unable to crawl out of their seats in time, the two young men were burned so that their bodies were not recognizable.

It was said at Langley Field that Ferencsak and Chapkowitz were regarded as among the most expert student fliers in the service. Cadet Chapkowitz was the mouth of York river yesterday rescued six members of a large dirigible blown out to sea by a heavy wind. The crew with the big balloon was brought to Langley Field without serious accident. In the crew were First Sergeant Morris, Master Sergeant Murray, Master Sergeant Chapman, Technical Sergeant Gabriel, Staff Sergeant Hoffman and Staff Sergeant Biedenack.

## TUNNEL IN CHICAGO JAIL DUG TO FREE WANDERER

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—An alleged attempt by a "trust" in the county jail of a feud of twenty years' standing between the Bailey and White families, whose kin and clansmen gathered here in large numbers for the trial. Due to the presence of State troops, sent here by Governor Morrow as a precautionary measure, the trial was uneventful.

Bailey was ordered taken to Danville for safe keeping pending the outcome of a motion for a new trial.

## Beautiful Matron To Entertain Prince In India



Although the news dispatches tell of serious rioting in India, there has been no cancellation of the trip which the Prince of Wales is to make to the Hindu peninsula. When he arrives this beautiful matron, the Countess of Cromer, will be his chief hostess. Her husband will be chief of the Prince's personal staff.

## KENTUCKY FEUDIST GETS LIFE IN KILLING

MOUNT VERNON, Ky., Sept. 1.—John Bailey, a mountain feudist who has been on trial here for more than a week, was found guilty of murder yesterday and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Bailey shot and killed Beverley D. White last April as the outgrowth of a feud of twenty years' standing between the Bailey and White families, whose kin and clansmen gathered here in large numbers for the trial. Due to the presence of State troops, sent here by Governor Morrow as a precautionary measure, the trial was uneventful.

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## 6,893,748,235 GALLONS MILK, OUTPUT IN 1919

Census Bureau Reports Three States Furnishing Half of Nation's Supply.

Figures made public today by the Census Bureau show 6,893,748,235 gallons of milk was produced on farms in the United States in the calendar year 1919, as compared with 5,813,699,474 gallons in 1909, an increase of 18.6 per cent.

Production of butter on farms amounted in 1919 to 707,666,492 pounds, as compared with 894,650,619 pounds in 1909, a decrease of 25.9 per cent. Cheese made on farms decreased from 9,405,864 pounds to 6,371,396 pounds, or 32.3 per cent.

Texas led the States in production of butter in 1919, the quantity being 49,405,152 pounds. Pennsylvania was second with 38,468,607 pounds, and Tennessee third with 37,166,063 pounds.

The States reporting the largest sales of milk were New York, 573,161,952 gallons; Wisconsin, 473,816,832 gallons; Pennsylvania, 250,444,940 gallons.

These three States together reported slightly more than one-half of the milk sold from farms in 1919.

## HUGE STILL SEIZED IN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

LURAY, Va., Sept. 1.—One of the biggest moonshine raids ever staged in Page county was made in the Blue Ridge, six miles east of Compton, in the Springfield district.

A still of 120 gallons capacity was captured along with 1,500 gallons of mash and a large quantity of corn. The still was in a gorge in the mountains and was being watched over by a negro, who says that his home is in Pittsburgh. Claiming that he was in the mountains watching grazing cattle for farmers, he was in an old house near the moonshine plant.

It is believed others made their escape in the darkness, having been apprised of the officers' approach by half-dozen watch dogs kept at the place. The negro and the still were brought to Luray and locked up.

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